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BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Region 4, Large Conference Room
1700 East Cherry Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Board:

Heather Avery
Ted Daniels
Don Luby
John Nesbitt
Steven Thompson

Excused:

Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox
Marie Koole

Staff:

Kelley Faulkner, KCDDD
Ray Jensen, KCDDD
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD
Holly Woo, KCDDD
Josh Goldfinger, KCWTP
Marybeth Poch, DDD/Region 4
Jan Blackburn, DDD Region 4
Ray Takeuchi, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

Guests*:

Joyce Duran Black
Kevin Bernadt, UW, CSCDHH, ODDH
Joanne O'Neill, The Arc, KCPT
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN
Stephen Wenlien, UW, ETP
Karen Ritter, Walsh & Associates
Gina Solberg, PROVAIL
Cheryl Green, PROVAIL
Ray Coleman, SKCAC Industries
Phil McConnell, Work Opportunities
Dianna Vaughn, Service Alternatives
Jenifer Spain, AtWork!
James McBay, DVR
Dena Rucker, Seattle Lighthouse
Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County

*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by the Chair, Heather Avery, on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in the Region 4, Large Conference Room.

Introductions and Chair's Comments

Heather Avery introduced herself as Board Chair and announced that Margaret-Lee Thompson's son, Dan Thompson, passed away and provided information for the memorial services.

Approval of Minutes

02020501 Heather Avery called for a motion to approve the January 2005 Minutes. Ted Daniels made the motion, Steven Thompson seconded, and the January Minutes were unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

Heather Avery submitted the following nominated Board members to the specified positions:

Chair - Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox

Co-Chair - Heather Avery

02020502 Heather called for a motion to accept the above nominees as stated. Ted Daniels made the motion, Steven Thompson seconded, and the appointments were unanimously approved.

Heather submitted the following nominees to chair the specified committees:

Finance Committee, Don Luby

Legislative Committee, Heather Avery

Board Development Committee, Don Luby

Executive Committee, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox

Planning Committee, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox

A Board representative is not readily available at this time to serve on the King County Interagency Coordinating Council (KCICC.)

02020503 Heather called for a motion to accept the above appointments as stated. Ted Daniels so moved, Steven Thompson seconded, and the appointments were unanimously approved.

Focus Group Report

Joyce Duran Black, provided an overview of information gathered from focus groups held in King County in October, November, and December 2004. The goals of the focus groups were to obtain a variety of perspectives of service needs, generate ideas of how to address the needs within the County's mission and values, and assist the County in their preparation of their 2005-2009 plan. The results of the focus groups are detailed in the document entitled; "Report on the King County Planning Focus Groups 2005-2009 Developmental Disabilities Plan" dated February 2, 2005. This report is available on the



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King County Developmental Disabilities website at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/>, Biennial Plan (under the information heading.)

General Public Input

Joanne O'Neill provided an update on the following Bills of interest:

- SB 5141 (HB 1107) – school district participation in providing for early intervention services for children with disabilities
- HB 1040 - regarding the operations of residential habilitation centers
- HB 1416 - expanding the responsibilities of the caseload forecast council

If you would like information on these or other Bills, please contact Joanne at 425- 746-2178.

Joanne distributed printed information for Dan Thompson's memorial service and she announced the following Adult Services and Community Resource trainings at the Renton Community Center located at 1715 SE Maple Valley Highway, Renton:

- Access to Services February 2 from 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.;
- Families Taking Control February 9 from 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.;
- Financial Issues February 16 from 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.
- Survival Skills February 23 from 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.

Contact Joanne O'Neill at 206-364-4645 Ext. 159 to register for the above FREE trainings.

Ted Daniels reported that there is a newly appointed Federal Secretary of Health and Human Services and reminded everyone to be alert of the possibility of Medicaid and Medicare service cuts.

Emily Rogers reported that Michael Rogers, Region 4, just returned from the Presidents Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities with similar concerns that echo Ted Daniel's comments regarding the effects on individuals being served with federal and state dollars.

Emily is still recruiting for the Leadership Education Advocacy Partnership (LEAP), so if you know of anyone who maybe interested in leadership and self advocacy, please contact Emily at 206-364-4645 Ext. 125 or by email at ucandoit@arcofkingcounty.org.

Kathy Sellars announced Saturday, March 5, 2005, as the rescheduled date for the LifeSpan recruitment brunch. The brunch will provide an opportunity for individuals who are interested in volunteering or accepting a leadership position with LifeSpan. The brunch will be held at Sue Elliot's home in Bellevue (contact Kathy at 206-522-3099 for



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more information.) Kathy also announced that the Personal Network Facilitator's training is scheduled for March 30 at the Kinderling Center located at 16120 NE Eighth Street, Bellevue.

Ray Coleman announced that Governor Gregoire is delaying her budget until March 13. She is waiting for the economic forecast before proposing her budget. Ray Coleman encouraged everyone to take this opportunity to meet with others and influence what she puts into the budget.

Reports

Due to a special meeting of the Nominating Committee at 10:30 a.m., Irma Hill's presentation of the Quality Assurance Waiver Report was delayed until the March 2, 2005, Board meeting.

Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Marybeth Poch shared an email from her Division Director to Robert Getty, Executive Director, National Association of State Direct Services for Individual with Developmental Disabilities, regarding the efforts and thoughts related to employment for individuals.

Marybeth provided the status of the downsizing efforts at Fircrest as follows:

- A fourth cottage was vacated on January 27, 2005;
- The status of individuals who have moved from Fircrest:
 - Eighteen individuals moved to the community (9 to supported living, four to an adult family home, and 5 to a nursing facility.) Five of those individuals moved to Region 3 and one individual moved to Region 6;
- Several individuals moved from Region 5 to Region 4:
 - One individual moved to the State-Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) program;
 - Nine individuals move to supported living programs

Marybeth also announced that Region 4 is looking at their Community Protection Program and performing a mock audit in preparation of the formal audit.

KCDDD Director's Report

Ray Jensen reported on the 18-member Working Age Adult Policy Task Force. The representation includes providers (also representing residential), self advocates, parents of individuals with disabilities, a representative from the education system, and staff from Region 4. The half day Kick-off meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. through lunch. David Mank will be the Kick-off Facilitator. Five additional meetings have been schedule and forwarded to the Task Force members.



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Ray introduced a new staff member, Kelley Faulkner, Employment Resource Coordinator. Kelley replaced Al Yamamoto and she is working on youth transitioning from school and benefits analysis.

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held on March 2, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



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